



# **VOCATIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAMME GRANT**

**English Language Education Section**

**9 APRIL 2018**

# Vocational English Programme Grant

Provision of funding to enrol students on locally accredited vocational English courses to:

- develop students' **English proficiency**;
- enhance students' **confidence and interest** in learning English; and
- prepare students for **vocational education and work**.

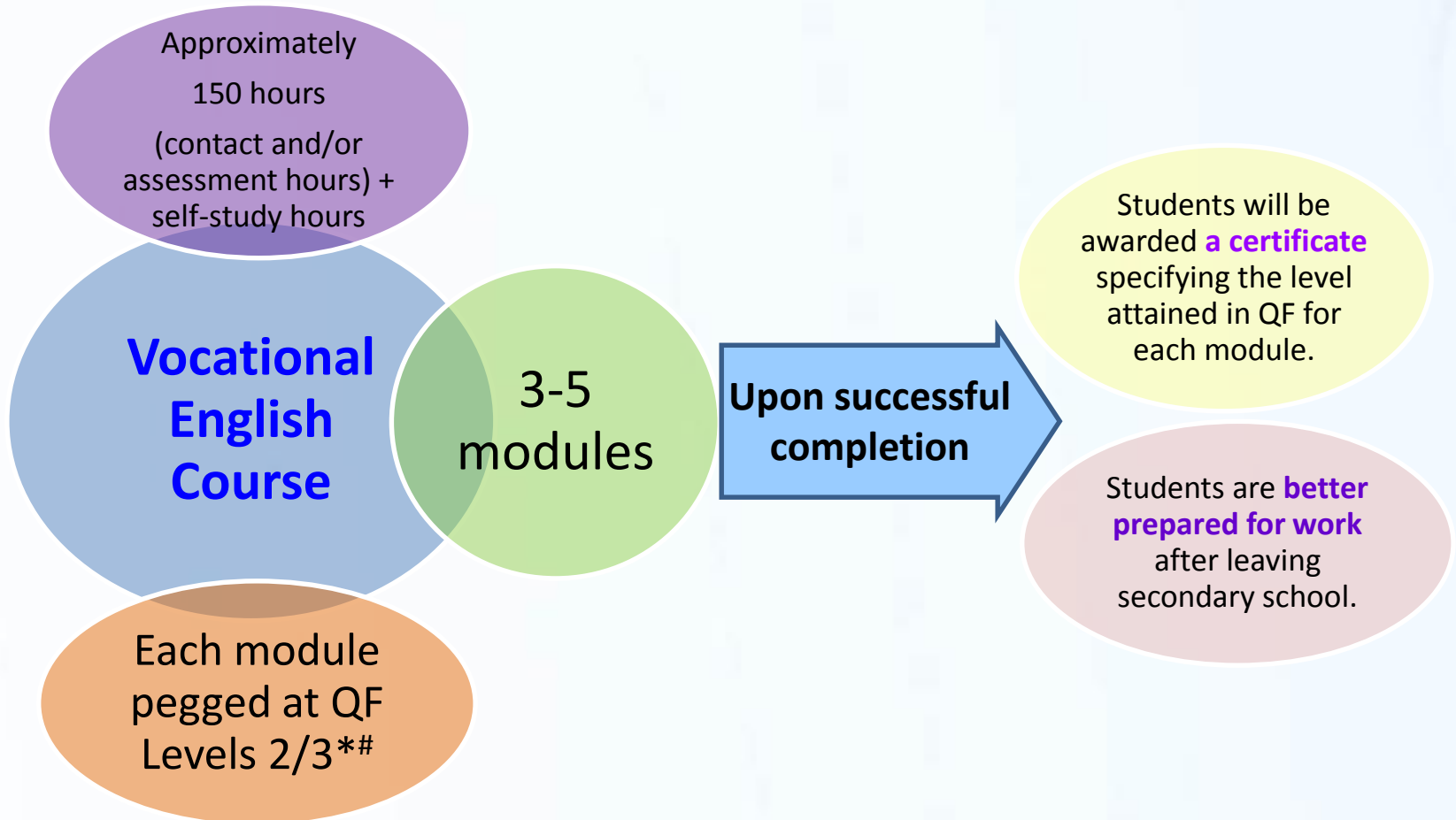
# Target Students

- S4/S5 students of the 2018/19 cohort who are interested in learning English in vocational contexts and are prepared to pursue vocational education or to work
- 50 secondary schools each selecting at least 20 students to participate in the programme

# Course Providers

- Caritas Bianchi College of Careers
- HKU Space Community College
- Vocational Training Council

# Framework & Design of Vocational English Course



*\* Modules are designed according to the **Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies (SGC) for English** developed under **Qualifications Framework (QF)***

*# Qualification from successful course completion is **NOT equivalent to Level 2 in the HKDSE Examination for English Language***

# EDB's Attendance Requirements

Caritas Bianchi College of Careers

Module 1  
QF 2

Module 2  
QF 2

Module 3  
QF 3

Module 4  
QF 3

HKU Space Community College

Module 1  
QF 2

Module 2  
QF 3

Module 3  
QF 3

Vocational Training Council

Module 1  
QF 2

Module 2  
QF 2

Module 3  
QF 2

Module 4  
QF 3

Module 5  
QF 3

**50% attendance**

*For additional requirements,  
please refer to the course  
providers' websites*

# Implementation

- Schools to apply for a funding of \$0.2M for at least 20 students

| Service Providers                     | Course Fees              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Caritas Bianchi<br>College of Careers | <b>\$10,000</b>          |
| HKU Space<br>Community College        | <b>\$10,000</b>          |
| Vocational Training<br>Council        | <b>\$9,700 / \$9,900</b> |

# Implementation

- Schools to apply for a funding of \$0.2M for at least 20 students
- Full or partial subsidy for S4 and/or S5 students to enrol on vocational English courses offered by any of the course providers
- The courses to run in the 2018/19 school year and, if necessary, the 2019/20 school year



# Roles of Participating Schools

- Appoint a VEP Grant Co-ordinator to facilitate the implementation of the programme
- Identify at least 20 S4/S5 students of the 2018/19 cohort to participate in the programme and obtain their parents' consent
- Liaise with course providers and disseminate information about the courses to parents/students
- Handle administrative work
- Pay the course fee by module, and return unspent balance to the EDB upon the completion of the course
- Collect evaluation data from participating students
- Submit an evaluation report to the EDB

# Important Dates

New Application  
Deadline:  
4 May 2018

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>27 Apr 18</b>                     | Deadline for the <b>application for the VEP Grant</b>   |
| <b>Early Jun 18</b>                  | <b>Notification of application results</b> by post  |
| <b>Jun 18</b>                        | Liaison with course providers and dissemination of relevant information to parents and students |
| <b>Jun - 7 Sep 18</b>                | <b>Application for vocational English courses (First Round)</b>                                 |
| <b>21 Sep 18</b>                     | Deadline for the application for vocational English courses <b>(Second Round)</b>               |
| <b>Late Sep 2018</b>                 | Forwarding <b>profile of participating students</b> to the EDB                                  |
| <b>Sep 18 – Aug 20</b>               | Implementation of vocational English courses  |
| <b>Upon completion of the course</b> | Return of the <b>unspent balance</b> and submission of an <b>evaluation report</b>              |

# Application

- The completed Application Form (Annex 2) should be sent to:  
English Language Education Section, Room 1206, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai
- Please specify "Application for Vocational English Programme Grant" on the envelope
- Application deadline: 27 April 2018

New Application  
Deadline:  
4 May 2018

**Q & A**

**[www.edb.gov.hk/vepgrant](http://www.edb.gov.hk/vepgrant)**

**Thank You**